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ABSTRACT

A data file, consisting of a directory of all main public libraries in the United States, is presented. The data file contains data gathered using a directory development survey that began with the mailing of computer printout listings of each state's public libraries to the chief officer of the appropriate state library agency for updating. Various other updating measures were taken, and the updated 1981 file was compared to the 1977 Public Library Universe to allow further adjustments. Each record in the data file describes one library or the chief state library officer. The record count is 8,611. The data elements for each library include: state code; library code; population served code; Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area code; branch indicators; central city place description code; library name; library street address; city name; state name; zip code; nonconsolidated public library system affiliation name; population served; survey year; and report status. TYPE OF SURVEY: Census; National Survey. POPULATION: All Main Public Libraries in the United States. RESPONDENTS: Chief State Library Officers (51). RESPONSE RATE: Chief State Library Officers (100%). FREQUENCY: About Every Fourth Year. YEAR OF EARLIEST DATA: 1977. YEAR OF LATEST DATA: 1981. (TJH)

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